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WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) will present two Bronze Star medals February 1, 2011, one posthumously, to U.S. Army veterans who served during World War II. The Bronze Star medal is awarded for heroic or meritorious service in the European and Pacific theaters.

President Roosevelt authorized the Bronze Star medal by Executive Order in 1944 to recognize that U.S. Army ground troops endured great hardships and suffered some of the heaviest losses of the war.

Captain Kyle Ackers of the Oregon Army National Guard will assist with the Bronze Star presentations.

In the last year, Congressman DeFazio has helped 26 qualified World War II veterans in his congressional district receive their Bronze Star medals. Many veterans do not know they are eligible for the award. Additionally, Congressman DeFazio continues to assist veterans of other wars receive awards they earned while in uniform.

World War II U.S. Army veterans who earned a Combat Infantry Badge or Combat Medic badge are eligible for this special recognition. Veterans and their family members are encouraged to contact Congressman DeFazio's office to learn more about eligibility information and assistance with military medals.

The following veterans will be honored at the ceremony:

Medals recipients: Private First Class Thomas Montgomery of Corvallis

Posthumous Award: Silvia Cardwell for Private First Class Peter Roth of Corvallis

The details of the event are below:

What: **Bronze Star Medals**

When: February 1, 2011

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Where: ██████████ National Guard Armory

1100 NW Kings Blvd.

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